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In re the Application of:  
Donald Bellis et al.  
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METHOD FOR A SELF-CHECKOUT SYSTEM

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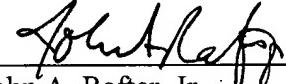
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	AN	International Search Report dated 26/11/2002 for International Application No. PCT/ US02/22144
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